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Milan, Dec. 18. *N. S.*

THE Duke of *Vendoſme* arrived here about a week ago from his Camp near *Aſti*, and after a ſhort ſtay in this Place continued his Journey to *San Benedetto*. According to our Advices from thence, the Parties on both ſides made frequent Excurſions, and the Imperialiſts made Preparations for ſome conſiderable Expedition. Several Officers and Soldiers of the Duke of *Savoy*'s Forces, which were lately diſarmed by the *French* King's Order, who were Priſoners here, have made their Eſcape, but 5 of them have been ſeized in the Territories of *Genoua*, and brought back hither, which that Republick looks upon as a Breach of their Neutrality, and have made their Complaint to the Duke of *Vendoſme*, inſiſting that they may be ſet at Liberty again. It is ſaid, that about 2000 of the *French* Forces in this State are to embark at *Final*, in order to be tranſported to *Spain*.

Nancy, Dec. 28. *N. S.* Letters from *Paris* of the 24th Inſtant bring an Account, That the Marſhal *de Tallard* arrived at *Verſailles* the 20th, and was very favourably received by the *French* King; and it was ſaid he would make but a ſhort ſtay at Court, and would return to *Strasbourg*. The Forces which the *French* King ſends to the Aſſiſtance of the Duke of *Anjou* have begun their March. Their Letters from *Italy* had brought Advice, That the Duke of *Vendoſme* paſſed by *Cremona* the 16th, in his way to *San Benedetto*, deſigning to head the *French* and *Spaniſh* Forces which are poſted there to obſerve the Imperial Army under the Command of the Count *de Staremberg*, who is ſaid to have ſome conſiderable Enterpriſe in hand, which the Duke will endeavour to prevent; and that the Grand Prior, his Brother, had made the neceſſary Diſpoſitions for the attacking of the Town of *Alba*, on the Borders of *Piedmont*, whereof they expected the Iſſue, as alſo of a Deſign which the Marſhal *de la Feuillade* is ſaid to have on *Montmeillan*. The *French* King had received two Expreſſes from his Ambaſſador in *Swiſſerland*, to acquaint him, as is ſaid, with the Diſpoſition which moſt of the Deputies of the *Swiſs* Cantons, at their General Diet at *Baden*, ſeemed to be in, to inſiſt upon a Neutrality for *Savoy*, which it is ſaid the *French* will by no means comply with, unleſs the ſame might be agreed upon for *Piedmont* alſo, and the reſt of the Duke of *Savoy*'s Territories. The Count *d'Evreux*, eldeſt Son of the Duke *de Bouillon*, is to be General of the *French* Light Horſe, in the room of his Uncle the Count *d'Auvergne*. The Count *d'Egmont* being appointed by the Duke of *Anjou* to be General of his Horſe, Monſieur *du Marais*, Great Faulconer to the *French* King, has obtained Leave to buy the Regiment which that Count commanded in the *French* Service. There is a Diſcourſe, that Monſieur *d'Argencon* will be ſent with the Character of the *French* King's Ambaſſador to *Venice*, and will be ſucceeded in the Employment of Lieutenant-General of the *Police* in *Paris* by Monſieur *de Monmor*, who is at preſent Intendant at *Marſeilles*. They write from *Madrid* of the 7th Inſtant, that the Marquis *de Valero* was made Viceroy of *Sardinia*; that the Conde *d'Aguilar*, who ſerved in the *Spaniſh* Forces in *Italy*, was ſent for to *Spain*, in order to have the Command given him of a Regiment of 1200 Foot, which was going to be raiſed in that Kingdom; and that the Duke of *Anjou* intended to raiſe 4 Troops of Guards, two to conſiſt of *Spaniards*, and to be commanded by the Conde *de Lemos* and the Marquis of *Aitona*, one of *Italians*, under the Command of the Duke of *Popoli*, and the 4th of *Flemings*, whereof the Prince of *Serclaes* was to be Captain.

Francfort, Dec. 30. The Diet of the Circle of the *Upper Rhine* is adjourned till after the Holydays, when they are to meet again, to conſider of the Meaſures to be taken for their Security in the preſent Juncture. The Gount *de Coigni*, with a Body of the *French* Forces which are to Winter along the *Moſelle*, continues before the Caſtle of *Kirn*, and in all probability will in a ſhort time be Maſter of it. Our Letters from *Swiſſerland* ſay, the *French* Forces in *Piedmont* had made an Attempt upon *Alba*, and that the Duke of *la Feuillade* had formed a Deſign of ſurpriſing *Montmeillan*, but failed in both. Three thouſand Men of the Forces of *Lunenburgh* are gone into Quarters at *Mentz*, and the reſt of theſe Troops are to Winter in other Places of that Electorate.

Falmouth, Dec. 30. This day a Privateer belonging to *Rotterdam* came in here from cruizing, and brought in with him as Prize the *Three Brothers* of *Antwerp*, laden with Wine and Brandy from *Nants*: She is an *Engliſh* built Ship, of 10 Guns, and had been taken in the beginning of the War returning from *Guinea*, and carried into *Nants*.

Plimouth, January 2. Her Majeſty's Ship the *Canterbury* ſailed hence the 29th paſt to the Eaſtward. Her Majeſty's Ship the *Leopard* returned hither the ſame day. The 31ſt Her Majeſty's Ship the *Lime* came in here from cruizing to the Weſtward, and brought in with her a Merchant Ship which ſhe had retaken, called the *Treda* of *Amſterdam*, laden with Salt from *St. Hubes*. A *Dutch* Privateer came in, who had fallen in with 4 *French* Privateers, and eſcaped out of their hands with much difficulty. This day came in here the *Venice* Galley, of and from *Rotterdam*, *John Benct* Maſter, bound to *Venice*; the *White Unicorn* of *Hoorn*, *Cornelius Love* Maſter, and the *St. Peter* of *Weſterwyck*, *John Hartman* Maſter, both homeward bound from *St. Hubes*; the *Eagle* Tranſport of *Looe*, *Henry Chub* Maſter, bound from thence to *Guernſey*, and another Veſſel from the ſame Place bound hither.

Portſmouth, Jan. 4. The King of *Spain* having left *Windſor* the 31ſt paſt, accompanied by his Grace the Duke of *Somerſet*, (who was commanded by Her Majeſty to attend him) and by other Perſons of Quality, lay that night at *Petworth*, and arrived here